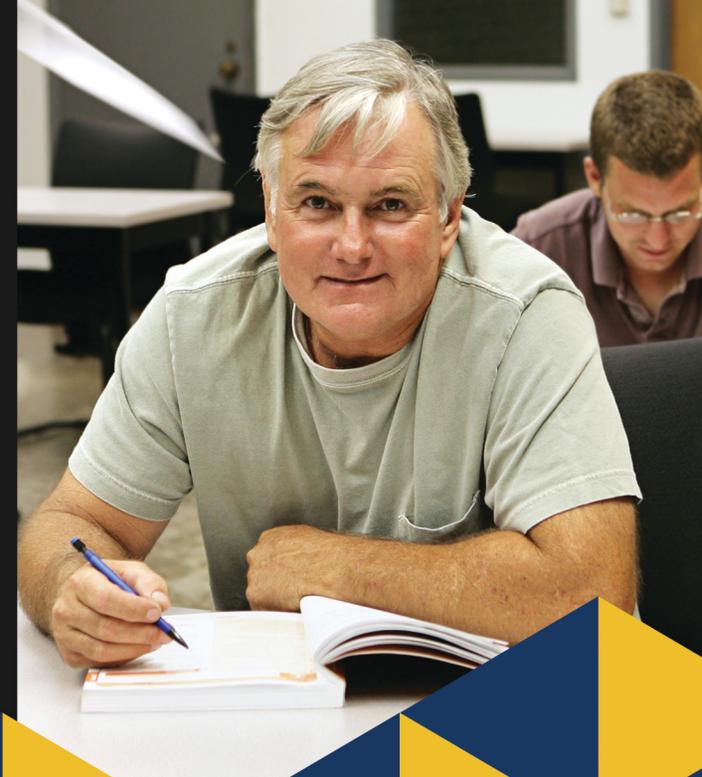


THE FINE PRINT:

- PLA credit may be awarded if the following standards have been met:
 - You have been admitted to Trinidad State
 - You have declared a degree or certificate goal (changing your declared degree or certificate will result in the reassessment of the applicability of PLA credit)
 - Your prior learning is equivalent to college level learning
- PLA credit may only be awarded for courses and credits required in your declared degree or certificate.
- PLA credit may satisfy course prerequisite requirements
- PLA credit cannot be used to satisfy the TSJC degree or certificate residency requirements*
- All work evaluated for PLA credit must meet or exceed 'C' level work



- PLA credit cannot duplicate any previously-awarded credit
- PLA credit is specifically noted on the transcript as such and is considered transfer coursework (and not institutional coursework):
 - PLA credit is not calculated into your grade point average (GPA)
 - PLA credit noted on your transcript will have a grade of 'PLA'
 - If the PLA credit assessment determines that the prior learning does not warrant the awarding of credit, or if the standardized / institutional exam is not passed, the PLA credit does not appear on your transcript
- PLA credits are not included as part of your semester enrollment for the purposes of financial aid, veteran benefits or any other purpose predicated on total hours of enrollment for a given semester

* You may use Prior Learning Assessment to fulfill all degree / certificate graduation requirements except for the mandatory residency requirements.

Trinidad State will accept in transfer from within the institution and from other state institutions of higher education prior learning assessment credit awarded for Guaranteed Transfer Pathways requirements. Trinidad State will not prohibit students from meeting general education and Guaranteed Transfer Pathways requirements with prior learning assessment credit.

For more assistance on what types of exams Trinidad State accepts, please contact the Registrar at 719.846.5550.

 www.trinidadstate.edu/pla/

Campus Locations:

 **Trinidad Campus**
600 Prospect Street
Trinidad, CO 81082
1.800.621.TSJC
719.846.5011

 **Valley Campus**
1011 Main Street
Alamosa, CO 81101
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719.589.7000

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PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT

TRINIDAD STATE JUNIOR COLLEGE

Get college credit for your life experiences!

Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) credit is awarded for college-level learning: knowledge, skills and competencies. PLA includes skills gained from work and life experiences such as:

- Correspondence and extension courses
- Individual study and reading
- Civic, community and volunteer work
- Participation in formal courses and in-service training sponsored by associations, business, government and industry.

Prior Learning Assessment credit may be earned through a combination of the following:

National Standardized Placement Tests

- College-Level Examination Program (CLEP)
- DSST exams
- UExcel Excelsior College Exams
- Advanced Placement (AP) Exams
- International Baccalaureate (IB) Exams

Institutional Challenge Examinations

These are faculty-developed tests to determine competency in a particular Trinidad State course.

Portfolio Assessment

Knowledge and skills acquired through work and lifelong learning may be evaluated and validated through a formal portfolio assessment process.

Faculty Evaluated Industry and Workplace Credit

Trinidad State Junior College may evaluate non-collegiate instructional programs that result in industry certification, professional licensure, apprenticeship completion, and other workplace skills development. Faculty subject-matter experts will evaluate the prior learning and identify if the learning warrants the awarding of credit.

At Trinidad State, our most recognized industry certifications for credit are:

- Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST)
- National Registry of EMT (NREMT)

Published Guides (including military)

Published guides contain credit recommendations made by reputable third party organizations for certain trainings and/or credentials. Approved published guides include the American Council on Education (ACE), National Guide to College Credit for Workplace Training, the ACE Military Guide, and the National College Credit Recommendation Service (NCCRS).

Additionally, credit for learning gained in the US military (if applicable to a student's declared degree or certificate at Trinidad State) is generally transferred based upon ACE credit recommendations found on a Joint Service Transcript (JST) for current or former Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, or Navy personnel. Air Force personnel will have their credit documented on a Community College of the Air Force (CCAF) transcript.

Published Guides (continued)

To be evaluated for possible credit, you should order your official transcript from the provider (JST, CCAF) or third party organization (ACE, NCCRS, etc.) and have it sent directly from the issuing organization to Trinidad State for evaluation:

*Trinidad State Junior College
Attention: Registrar
600 Prospect
Trinidad, CO 81082*

